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With so many people using websites as their primary resource for dating, the amount of egregiously embarrassing e-mails that are exchanged as a result have multiplied. But what so many get wrong, you can get right. Check out our tips for what not to do when sending an e-mail to that cutie you've spotted on the Web. Here's a hint: Avoid "negging." {page 09}

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▶ Loor and his wife, Dina, are expecting a baby in July.

Officer out of hospital after stabbing

Police Officer Eder Loor, 28, was released from Mount Sinai Hospital yesterday afternoon, fifteen days after he was stabbed in the head by a crazed suspect.

He had been in the hospital since April 17, the day he was stabbed by an emotionally disturbed man. The stab wound penetrated his skull and nicked a cerebral artery, and he required immediate life-saving surgery, according to the police.

Loor was attacked after he and his partner responded to a 911 call in East Harlem, made by the mother of Terrence Hale, 26. The woman said her son needed to go to the hospital, but when the officers tried to take him, he slashed Loor, police said. Hale was arrested, and a bloody knife was recovered at the scene.

Loor is the eighth police officer seriously injured this year, after Officer Kevin Brennan narrowly escaped death when he was shot in the back of the head in Bushwick in February. Last month in Sheepshead Bay, four cops were grazed by bullets during a brief hostage standoff.

Loor was met with applause from fellow officers as he was wheeled out of the hospital. METRO/CB

In the news

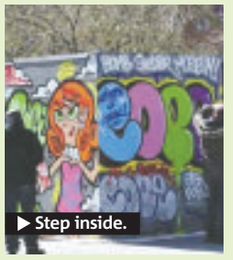
Woman killed along Eastern Parkway

A 56-year-old woman driving a motorized scooter was struck by a car and killed while trying to cross Eastern Parkway yesterday. Priscilla Wells was trying to cross at the corner of Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue just after midnight when she was hit by a cab. The driver stayed at the scene and no arrests were made in the incident. Witnesses told the Daily News Wells was trying to cross against the light. METRO/CB

Data

15%

The majority of all painkiller prescriptions in the city are written by just 15 percent of the city's health care providers, the New York Department of Health announced yesterday. At a time when opioid painkiller prescriptions are rising in New York, 8,000 health care providers are supplying the majority, 82 percent, of the drugs, officials found. METRO/CB



▶ Step inside.

Israeli bomb shelters on display

MANHATTAN. A mobile bomb shelter that resembles those found in Israel will be making the rounds today in Manhattan. The fake bomb shelter will be parked outside the UN as well as Hunter College and Baruch College campuses. According to organizers, upon entering the bomb shelter, participants will experience what it's like to be under a Qassam rocket attack, such as those that occur in the Israeli city of Sderot. Organizer say their intent is to end terrorism and terrorist attacks. METRO/CB

Barriers to be installed on Bronx road

BRONX. The state Department of Transportation announced yesterday they are installing concrete barriers along the stretch of the Bronx River Parkway where a family of seven died Sunday in a horrific crash. The concrete barriers will be 2 feet 8 inches tall and will be installed along the viaduct over the Bronx Zoo, as well as two other viaducts that cross over East Tremont Avenue and Amtrak tracks. METRO/CB

Bronzed NJ mom denies allowing 5-year-old to tan

North Jersey woman accused of letting 5-year-old daughter hop into a tanning bed with her School nurse reported treating the child for a sunburn Owner of tanning salon says it never happened at his place

A northern New Jersey mom is taking some heat after she was accused of letting her 5-year-old child join her in a tanning bed.

Nutley mom Patricia Krentcil, 44, pleaded not guilty in a Newark Municipal Court yesterday to charges of second-degree child endangerment.

She was arrested on April 24, after a school nurse noticed a sunburn on the fair-skinned child, who said she got it from going "tanning with mommy."

Krentcil claims her daughter got the burn from play outdoors.

Anthony Ruccatano, the owner of City Tropics Tanning, a salon in Nutley frequented by Krentcil, told Metro he is certain the child never got into a tanning bed.

"There's no way I'd let a kid go tanning," Ruccatano said, though he acknowledged that he has never met Krentcil and spends most of his time at another salon location. He claimed the mom, who his staff describes as "way out there," wouldn't even have room to bring her daughter into the tanning unit she used at his salon.

He also said Krentcil's unnaturally bronzed appearance, which has been the center of attention in the media, is not a result of a tanning bed.

"Nobody could be that tan. Wesley Snipes isn't that tan," he said. "She is using some kind of self-tanner. I don't know what the hell that is."

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CBS NEWS

▶ "Wesley Snipes isn't that tan," Anthony Ruccatano, the owner of the salon where Krentcil tanned, joked of Patricia Krentcil's unnatural bronze sheen.

Strict state tanning laws on the books

In both New Jersey and New York, tanning is illegal for children under 14. Teens under the age of 18 can only tan if they show signed parental consent to tanning salon operators.

In 2010, lawmakers in New York state went even further, and considered banning indoor tanning for all kids under the age of 18, unless they had special permission from a doctor. But that law failed to pass in the Legislature. METRO/CG

Mom under attack speaks to the media

Krentcil has adamantly denied bringing her daughter, Anna, into the tanning bed with her.

"There's no room, A. B, I wouldn't permit it. C, it never happened," she told CBS, while defending her own tanning habits.

"I find nothing wrong with tanning. To each his own. I like to tan," she said.

"The pediatrician said that she's got a little sunburn, but it was that only weekend we were out doing the gardening," Krentcil told ABC. "I never once in my life let my daughter, especially at that age, go into a tanning booth," she added.

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"I tan, she doesn't tan," Krentcil told NBC 4 New York. "I'm in the booth, she's in the room. That's all there is to it."

"It's like taking your daughter to go food shopping," she added. "There's tons of moms that bring their children in." METRO/CG

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Man charged with train grab

BRONX. New York City police announced yesterday they arrested a man suspected of groping a woman while aboard a 2 train last month.

Bronx resident William Mitchell, 22, was arrested yesterday and charged with forcible touching.

Police say he touched a 35-year-old woman inappropriately while at the same time touching himself, when the two were aboard a northbound 2 train in the Bronx.

The alleged incident happened at 9:30 in the morning on April 20, as the train was approaching the White Plains Road and East 241 Street station. The woman was able to snap this cell phone photo of him. METRO

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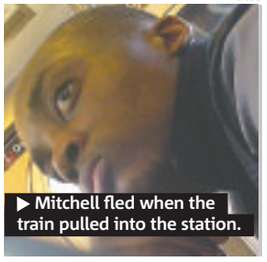

▶ Mitchell fled when the train pulled into the station.

Pol won't apologize for comparison of abortion, Holocaust

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State Sen. Ruben Diaz, who represents a large swath of the Bronx in the New York state Senate, refuses to capitulate to a call for him to apologize after he compared abortion to the Holocaust.

In an e-mail Diaz sent out to his constituents on Tuesday, regarding a piece of reproductive legislation currently before the state Legislature, he wrote, "(Hitler) chose to send the Jews to Auschwitz ... That was not their choice, that was Hitler's choice."

"Murderers, assassins and criminals are pro-choice. They choose to put a gun to your head and take your life. That is not your choice. That is their choice," he continued in the message.

Yesterday, the Anti-Defamation League demanded Diaz apologize, but the Democratic politician stands by his remarks.

"I said Hitler was pro-choice," Diaz told Metro. "People are asking me to apologize for what I said, but who will apologize to those babies? Who will apologize for the killing of babies?"

"My intention is not to offend anyone," he continued. "Maybe they don't believe abortion is a killing, but I believe abortion is a killing. It's a holocaust."

This is not the first time Diaz has equated abortion to Hitler's killing of the Jews during World War II.

In 2005, he called abortion "the American Holocaust" and said, "I want to compare Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust to what is happening to abortion in America."

The ADL and other groups called on him to apologize then, as well, and he refused.

"While the senator is certainly entitled to his passionate political and religious opinions, invoking the Nazi regime's murderous policies, which resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews and millions of others, is deeply offensive," Ron Meier, the New York director of the ADL said in a statement.

"And it has no place in civil political discourse," Meier added.

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▶ State Sen. Ruben Diaz is also passionately against gay marriage, despite the fact that he has a lesbian granddaughter.

Hardly 'All in the Family'

Diaz, who has represented the Bronx in office since 2003, is also a Pentecostal minister who has hardly been shy about expressing his opinions on social issues in the past.

When the New York state Legislature legalized gay marriage last June, Diaz said he was proud of his vote against it and warned gay marriage would be a sign of impending doomsday.

Diaz's 23-year-old granddaughter, Erica Diaz, is a lesbian. "You cannot tell someone that you love them and stay silent when people call for their death," Erica wrote in an op-ed for the New York Post. "'Love' is empty when you say someone's life isn't natural." METRO/CB

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Tragedy strikes NFL: Seau takes own life

Former Chargers linebacker found dead in beachfront home Police investigating as suicide Seau reportedly shot himself in the chest

Junior Seau died of a gunshot wound yesterday after reportedly shooting himself in the chest. He was 43.

Seau's body was found inside a bedroom in his beachfront house in Oceanside, Calif. Police are investigating it as a suicide, although there did not appear to be a note.

"All of us are deeply saddened about Junior Seau, a great player loved by teammates who also worked hard to serve his community," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Junior and his family will remain in our thoughts."

Seau, who spent 13 seasons with the San Diego Chargers, is considered one of the NFL's greatest linebackers. He racked up 1,524 tackles, 56.5 and 18 interceptions during his 20-year career. He also played for the Dolphins and Patriots before retiring after the 2009 season.

"Everyone at the Chargers is in complete shock and disbelief right now," the Chargers said in a statement. "We ask everyone to stop what they're doing and send their prayers to Junior and his family."

Seau reportedly sent text messages saying, "Love you," to his ex-wife and children prior to his death. In 2010, he survived a brush with death after his SUV plunged 100 feet down a seaside cliff. METRO

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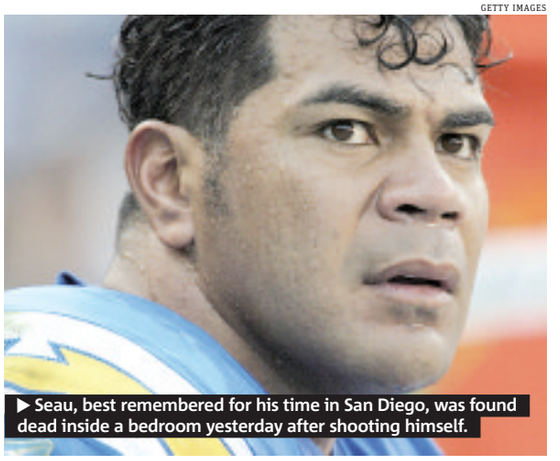

▶ Seau, best remembered for his time in San Diego, was found dead inside a bedroom yesterday after shooting himself.

Bowl curse?

Seau is the eighth member from the 1994-95 Chargers' Super Bowl team to pass away. All were 44 or younger. Here is the list with causes of death:

- **LB David Griggs** died in a drunken-driving accident five months after the Super Bowl.
- **RB Rodney Culver** and his wife died in a plane crash back in 1996.
- In 1998, **LB Doug Miller** was struck by lightning (twice!) while camping and died.
- **C Chris Whitley** died in his trailer in 2008 from an apparent drug overdose.
- Also in '08, **DE Chris Mims**, at 456 pounds, passed away due to an enlarged heart.
- **DT Shawn Lee** recently went into cardiac arrest and fell victim to diabetes.
- Last week, **LB Lew Bush** died due to a heart attack. He had struggled with his weight.

Suicide bombers kill seven after Obama leaves Afghan capital

KABUL. Suicide bombers attacked a compound housing Westerners in Kabul yesterday hours after U.S. President Barack Obama signed a security pact during a short visit to a city that remains vulnerable to a resilient insurgency.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack — which involved a car bomb and insurgents disguised as women on the eastern outskirts of the capital — killing seven people, a Gurkha guard and six passersby. It wounded 17 others.

The Taliban said it was in response to Obama's visit and to the strategic partnership deal he signed with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, a pact that sets out a long-term U.S. role.

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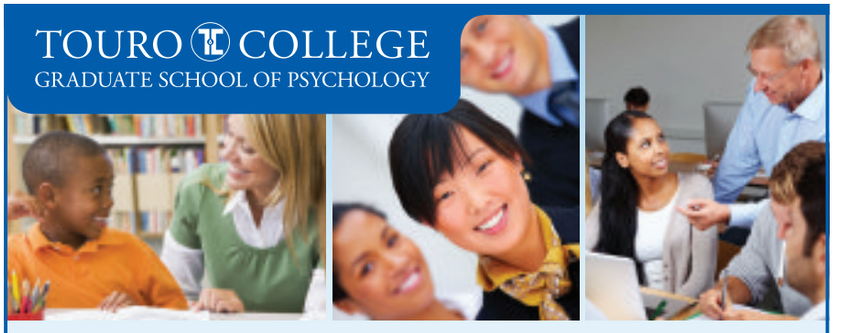

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Earth to gays: GOP doesn't want you

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In case it wasn't already glaringly obvious, the Mitt Romney campaign for presidency has gone ahead and clarified an essential truth of modern U.S. politics: Gays are not welcome in the Republican party.

Hey, don't shoot the messenger! We draw this conclusion only after Romney bowed to far-right anti-gay pressure, allowing staffer Ric Grenell to become another casualty in Mitt's by-any-means-necessary warpath to the White House.

Continuing a trend, the malleable Romney was for Ric Grenell before he was against him. He did, after all, hire the openly gay former Bush staffer as his spokesman on foreign policy and national security — a first for a Republican candidate. But following push back from the far right, Grenell was left to wither on the vine.

Grenell resigned from Team Romney on Tuesday after a month of neglect, during which he was not deployed to comment on relevant issues — like the president's anti-Romney Osama ad. Romney spent that month not commenting on attacks by hateful conservatives over Grenell's gay credentials. (He lost a battle for official recognition of his same-sex partner in the U.N.'s Blue Book Rolodex.)

Never mind that foreign policy has nothing to do with gay rights: The Romneys muzzled Grenell on a conference call last week. Grenell organized the call, as was his job, but was ordered to stay silent.

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▶ Mitt Romney: He'd love for you to work for him — unless, of course, your sexual preference becomes a political liability.

"My ability to speak clearly and forcefully on the issues has been greatly diminished by the hyper-partisan discussion of personal issues that sometimes comes from a presidential campaign," Grenell told Washington Post writer Jen Rubin.

Grenell continued: "I want to thank Governor Romney for his belief in me and my abilities and his clear message to me that being openly gay was a non-issue for him and his team."

Perhaps it's true that Romney did believe in the strictly conservative yet gay Grenell. If so, it's clear that Romney's beliefs weren't strong enough to stand up to the likes of hate-preacher Bryan Fischer — who, upon hearing of the hire, pounced on Romney's weakness with so-called true conservatives.

"It appears to be a dog-whistle to the homosexual lobby," Fischer said, "a way of saying to them 'I'm with you, not with them.'" He took it even further: "It's certainly not possible that there are no other potential spokesmen available, men who are experts in foreign policy and who, at the same time, honor the institution of natural marriage in their personal lives."

The implications here are sickening. What Fischer asserts above, and what he was, through Romney's need of his coalition, rewarded for, is this line of thinking: In the Republican party, why hire someone who happens to be gay when you can hire someone who isn't? It's a bigot's version of labor law: What, are there no able-bodied straights? The only universe in which these people would consider hiring a gay person is one where he or she is the last available option.

Now Fischer's gloating. "I was kind of pleasantly surprised," he said. "I think Governor Romney is going to be far more careful now."

Just to be clear, Fischer was not alone. In his Washington Update, Tony Perkins argued that because Romney hired a gay man, it undermines Republican leadership. (Apparently Republicans have officially come out against gays?) Dan Gainor at the Media Research Center says the fact that Romney would hire Grenell at all is a clear sign he's not truly conservative. (All conservatives must loathe gays?)

Perhaps not all Republicans think this way. But with Romney so willing to kowtow, what difference does it make? The message is the same: Go work for someone else.

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Lovato and Cyrus vie for last 'X Factor' seat

With **Britney Spears** reportedly set to fill one of the empty judges' panel seats on "The X Factor," it's a starlet face-off for the final slot, since former judges **Paula Abdul** and **Nicole Scherzinger** were kicked off the show after its first season. And according to conflicting reports, it looks like it's down to two former Disney stars. Celebuzz.com reports that executive **Simon Cowell** has been considering **Miley Cyrus** for the spot, while The Hollywood Reporter insists that **Demi Lovato** is close to a deal — and even in the "final negotiations" of securing the job.

I know this sounds, well, crazy, but if the job is to decide who has authentic talent on a national television show, shouldn't it be filled by someone who actually writes her own music and isn't auto-tuned within an inch of her life?

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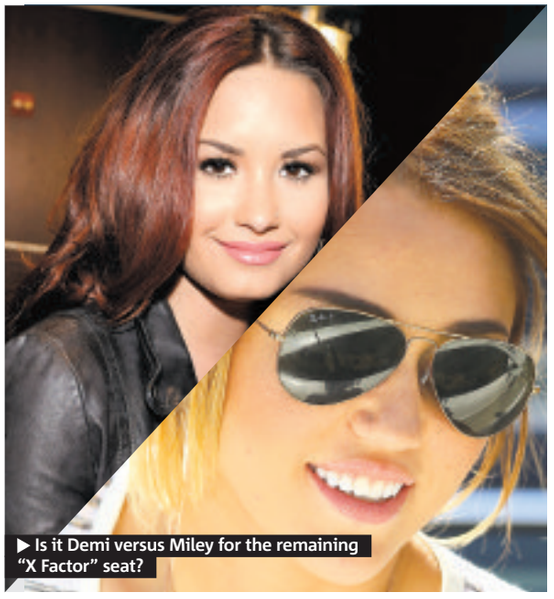

▶ Is it Demi versus Miley for the remaining "X Factor" seat?

Readers respond to Maxwell Drew

Yesterday, I asked what you thought of **Jessica Simpson** naming her daughter **Maxwell Drew**, and the reader consensus is that it's too masculine. Here's a smidgen of your thoughts:

"Sorry, reminds of the pig in the Geico commercials (his name is Maxwell also) and Drew Carey. Way too masculine for a little girl." - Lourdes

"I love the name Maxwell Drew! I mean, if it were for a boy. I like the idea of naming girls with boy names like Kyle and Ryan, but Maxwell is a too manly name in my opinion. I hope she goes by Drew when she gets older." - Libna

"Maxwell Drew is not a name for a girl. Maxine would have been better." - Lynne

"It's a dreadful name for a girl. It's as bad as Harper Seven, Blue Ivy Carter, Apple, etc. I guess I'm a traditionalist!" - Sylvia

"What do I think of the name Maxwell Drew? Well, I am old (52) so two things come to my mind: Coffee and Drew Barrymore!" - Gracie

Talking points

Kutcher brings in the big bucks

With a new deal reportedly in place, **Ashton Kutcher** will be returning for another season of "Two and a Half Men," according to Deadline. For next year's run — the popular sitcom's 10th season — Kutcher will reportedly bring in $700,000 per episode, with co-star **John Cryer** making slightly less than Kutcher and young **Angus T. Jones** earning $300,000 per episode. Each actor signed a one-year contract, sparking speculation that the 10th season could be the show's last.

Beckham has her mom moments

Even famous mother of four **Victoria Beckham** has her not-so-great parenting moments, like the time she left to take eldest son Brooklyn to school — but forgot the kid all together. "I jump in my Range Rover, put the car seat in, put my iPod on — obviously very important — and I drive to school. And then I realize I'd left Brooklyn in the kitchen," Beckham tells Vanity Fair. "I was driving along, talking away, and all the sudden, I looked at the front seat, and I was like, 'S—! S—! I've forgot something!'"

▶ Witherspoon's bump

Witherspoon flaunts her bump

While she hasn't yet made an official announcement about her pregnancy, **Reese Witherspoon** is doing little to hide the obvious. The Oscar-winning actress was spotted out and about in her L.A. neighborhood this week in a thin, clingy purple dress, according to Radar Online. And this past weekend, Witherspoon and husband **Jim Toth** turned heads at the White Hour Correspondents' Dinner in a tight top that accentuated her growing bump.

Cowell: As humble as ever

Simon Cowell may not have wanted to keep **Cheryl Cole** on the U.S. edition of "The X Factor," but he's more than happy to take credit for the success she's had in the U.K. "Even though we went through that pretty horrible period, I could look Cheryl in the eye and say what I did for her in those two years propelled her into a different league," Cowell tells GQ, admitting that while the debacle with the U.S. show may have created some distance between them, he'd still be open to working together again.

▶ Cowell

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Charlie Sheen is having much nicer work experience these days, Paris Hilton has been learning how to relax, Zachary Quinto has some opinions about language and Elizabeth Banks is enjoying a cocktail.

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In my trailer discussing the script w/ Bruce Helford, best showrunner on the planet!

@ParisHilton
Just left @SnoopDogg's studio. Had the best day chilling with his crew. Such good vibes in there.

@ZacharyQuinto
i love "chuffed." i abhor "long in the tooth."

@ElizabethBanks
Ah, Happy Hour. I'm getting swanky with an Old Fashioned

Charlie Sheen

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10 Ways to avenge the box office this weekend

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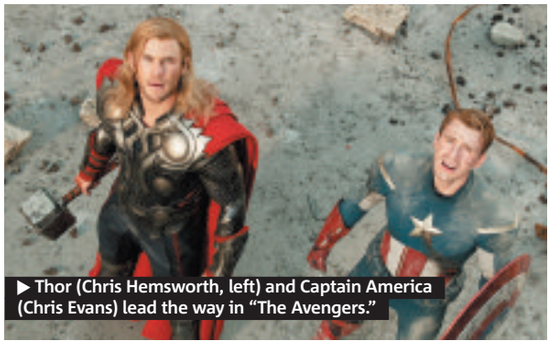

▶ Thor (Chris Hemsworth, left) and Captain America (Chris Evans) lead the way in "The Avengers."

2 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'
Every famous British actor and actress over 60 (save Michael Caine) makes an appearance in this film about retirees who travel to Jaipur, India, to live out their golden years.

3 'The Five-Year Engagement'
Jason Segel and Emily Blunt star in this Judd Apatow-produced comedy as a happily engaged couple who dodge one obstacle after another to get to their wedding day.

4 'Safe'
Never one to appear in a film and not handle some kind of firearm, Jason Statham stars as an ex-cage fighter attempting to save a young girl from the Russian mob.

5 'The Raven'
John Cusack is Edgar Allen Poe on the trail of a serial killer who designs his murders after Poe's stories.

6 'The Pirates! Band of Misfits'
The studio responsible for "Chicken Run" delivers a pirating adventure voiced by Hugh Grant and Salma Hayek.

7 'Think Like a Man'
Steve Harvey's best-selling book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," gets a screen adaptation.

8 'The Lucky One'
Zac Efron plays an Iraqi war vet in search of a woman whose photo was a good luck charm during combat.

9 'To the Arctic'
Meryl Streep narrates this nature documentary about a polar bear and her two cubs making their way through the Arctic wilderness.

10 'The Cabin in the Woods'
This critically praised and long-awaited Joss Whedon horror film features a bunch of teenagers who go camping in said cabin in said woods. ● HEIDI PATALANO

Must-see

'The Avengers'

1 It's all about this comic-book septuple threat this weekend. Sci-fi master-in-chief Joss Whedon directs a bevy of big stars in this tale of Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, Captain America, Nick Fury, Black Widow and Hawkeye joining forces to conquer the evil Loki.

TV watch list

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▶ Leslie's (Amy Poehler, foreground) campaign bus tour doesn't go as planned on "Parks and Recreation."

'Parks and Recreation'

COMEDY. The death of a Pawnee luminary puts a damper on Leslie's bus tour during the last day of her campaign, especially when she crashes the memorial — literally. **9:30 p.m., NBC**

'Community'

COMEDY. The untimely death of a beloved student sends Britta into action mode, serving as grief counselor to her classmates — the result of which, of course, may require therapy of its own. **8 p.m., NBC**

'The Big Bang Theory'

COMEDY. The only thing stronger than Howard's geek love for Bernadette may be space — which puts their wedding in jeopardy when his NASA mission gets moved up. **8 p.m., CBS**

'American Idol'

REALITY. Please read the following in Ryan Seacrest slow-speak: And. We. Have. Our. Final. Four.
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What not to do in online dating

So you think you've mastered the art of romance on the Internet? Make sure you haven't made any of these classic Web-flirting mistakes before hitting send

As many of us have learned, online dating is a very different animal from meeting a prospective date in person. Rather than a "come hither" stare from across the bar, it's that first e-mail that can make or break your chances of romance. Many of us fall flat on our faces when it comes to this first entree.

That's why a writer under the assumed name of Ouiser Boudreaux created The A(n)nals of Online Dating (www.annalsofonlinedating.com) — a site in which readers can post the worst online dating emails they've received.

Boudreaux identifies a few gaffes that repeatedly crop up in the submissions she gets.

People who complain about dating

"Mostly [it's men who] complain 'all women are shallow b—es. None of them like nice guys like me,'" she explains. "If you're putting that on your online dating profile, it's no mystery as to why nobody wants to date you. You seem like a miserable, angry, crotchety man."

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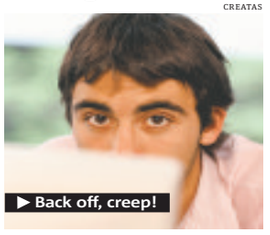

▶ Back off, creep!

People who use tips from the old VH1 show, 'The Pickup Artist'

"These dudes have tactics they use to pick up women in bars and they try to translate those tactics online," Boudreaux says. "One of the tactics is to go up to a woman and say something that's vaguely insulting. They call it 'negging.'"

People who think racial fetishes are flattering

"I get a lot of racial fetishizing submissions — especially from Asian women who get [notes] from white guys saying 'I would love to know an Asian woman,'" Boudreaux laments.

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Reader love notes

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mother's day gift guide

Flower power

Buying mom a pretty arrangement makes up for picking her daffodils back in the day. We checked in with Tassy de Give of Sprout Home (www.sprouthome.com) to find out what blooms to wow her with this year.

▶ **Garden roses:** "These are not your typical roses. When seeing a garden rose, even the nonrose-loving person will say, 'Well, that is cool.'"

▶ **Peonies:** "These are the Cadillac of flowers. They're the most expensive, but also the biggest bang for your buck. All you need is one to be the star of an arrangement."

▶ **Try a plant:** "An herb garden is the perfect gift for almost anyone for almost any occasion. Options include thyme, oregano, sage, mint, rosemary and basil."

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Occupy back in the news, but why?

RE: "OWS COMEBACK": Why does your paper glorify the Occupy Wall Street movement? It costs cities millions of tax dollars to keep police on overtime to watch OWS rallies. The money could be used to pay for AIDS victims, keep libraries open and provide shelter for homeless people. The Occupy movement pretends to be in favor of the "99 percent" yet all they accomplish is to drain cities of money that could provide vital services for residents.
LEW RITTER, VIA E-MAIL

I find it hard to believe Joshua Tordoff's prediction that the least productive people would do even less than usual on May 1. For example, right now I have no job to stay home from, but at least I'm not destructive like self-styled "job creator" Mitt Romney. My last employer went under through no fault of mine, whereas he, as head of Bain Capital, bought companies and bled many of them to death. **ALAN BROWN, VIA E-MAIL**

If as you say that "Communism has nothing to do with the Occupy movement," then why were there so many signs promoting communism on May Day? I saw a woman with a T-shirt that said "Break the Chains of Capitalism." I told her that communism plus socialism have more chains! If you are unaware of the evil of communism, go out and talk to the Russians (and Jewish people) who risked their lives escaping it. Go to Miami and speak to Cubans who escaped from Castro's regime. Look at North Korea, and what the Red Chinese have done to the Tibetans. Communism is not a catchphrase. It is a real evil. I am really amazed that so many of you Occupy people are ignorant of this.
FRANK GIALLOMBARD, VIA E-MAIL

Go ahead, continue playing off the 1 percent versus 99 percent — otherwise known as class warfare. It is in essence government confiscation of wealth via taxation from the haves to the have nots. Sooner or later, the producers of wealth will be outnumbered by the takers. Those who create wealth and income will eventually go on strike demanding that they be able to keep more of what they earned. The infamous 1 percent already contribute 40 percent of all taxes paid, while 46 percent pay no taxes yet are heavily dependent upon entitlement programs. Wall Street is the financial engine that drives our economy.
LARRY PENNER, GREAT NECK

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Uniform for cheers? What a disgrace!

RE: "SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET": My name is Corporal Gary Grant and I served in multiple combat tours in Iraq as a U.S. Infantry Marine. I read your article in yesterday's edition of the Metro, and I felt it necessary to voice my opinion. This article validates people who are not in service taking credit for the sacrifice so many have made who actually have served. It is sickening that these false heroes actually received cheers for being in a phony uniform that they deliberately put on for that reason. I have never sought out praise nor has anyone I have served with that has actually done something worth receiving it. Merchant marines are not one of the branches of the military.
GARY GRANT, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be careful about unthinkingly getting involved in a complicated project before you truly know all the facts. It behooves you to thoroughly check things out.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you're unable to do so yourself, it might be wise to have somebody you trust keep an eye on your spending. This isn't likely to be one of your better days for managing funds.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** The only way you're going to be productive is to make a schedule and stick to it. Tasks or projects that you leave until the last minute aren't likely to get accomplished.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You have great self-discipline when you choose to exercise it, and it behooves you to do so when it comes to certain things you know you should not eat or drink. Don't overindulge.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be on your toes when it comes to someone in your social group who is looking for another to pay his or her way. If you're not careful, she or he is likely to take advantage of your generous nature.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because you're usually the one who is a step ahead of everybody else, you might let your guard down. The moment you do, however, someone will shoot out in front of you.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You're usually smart enough not to believe everything you hear, but you could easily be snookered based on some colorful information that is the product of another's vivid imagination.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be mindful of the risks involved if you find yourself tempted to impulsively make a financial investment on something just because it sounds intriguing. Check it out first.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You'll be much more popular if you take the emphasis off of your own desires and make an effort to go along with what others want. Be a joiner.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although our hunches can sometimes provide us with things our logic overlooks, don't think this is the case for you just because you want it to be true. Use common sense.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Think carefully before involving yourself in a joint venture being formed for either a commercial or social purpose. Know what you're getting yourself into.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If some kind of an agreement you made hasn't lived up to what you expected, get in touch with the others involved to see if they feel the same way. Make whatever adjustments you can. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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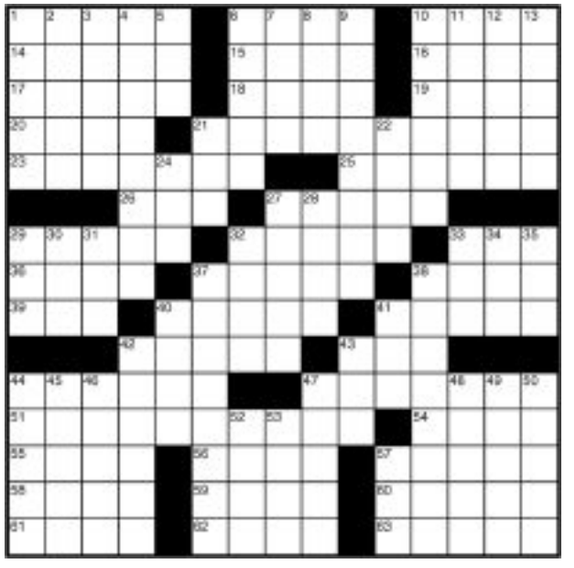

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A pizzaiolo with personality

Award-winning chef Giulio Adriani on the art of making traditional Neapolitan pizza Why you'll never see 'master pizzaiolo' on his business card

Giulio Adriani knows about authentic Naples-style pizza. The Italian pizzaiolo has four pizza world championships under his belt and three New York City restaurants devoted to his style of Neapolitan pizza (Forcella is now open in two spots: Williamsburg and NoHo, and the just-opened Montanara, which features five fried pizzas, is on the Lower East Side). He e-mailed with us from Italy on what sets his burgeoning pizza empire apart from the regular New York City slice.

What separates your Neapolitan pizza from regular New York pizza?

Neapolitan pizza is different from New York pizza for many reasons. The oven we cook the pizza in is a wood-fire oven that cooks the pizza in 60 to 75 seconds at over 750 degrees — giving our pizza the famous characteristic of being fluffy, chewy and soft. This kind of cooking also preserves the freshness and original taste of the ingredients we use. We use fresh mozzarella/fior di latte that is, in my opinion, much more tasty. The pizza at the end will also be a little bit more "wet," but this is what we like in our style.

What toppings make for the perfect pizza?

Q&A

How have New Yorkers taken to your Neapolitan pizza?

My introduction of the fried [Neapolitan] pizza, montanara, really created a big hit in the New York pizza world because it was the only new thing in the pizza world in the last decade. It's made by lightly frying the dough, then putting the toppings on and finishing it in the oven to remove the grease of the oil while helping to keep the fried taste.

Until a few months ago, I would have said tomato, mozzarella and basil [margherita], and still think this is the best pizza to test a pizzeria. But with my last visit to Los Angeles, I changed my mind, thanks to Mozza [Mario Batali's new pizza venture] and began to try different experimental toppings creating unique pizzas that, for me, can be considered art. My favorite one now is the Bagnoli, made with roasted potatoes, roasted pancetta, homemade burrata cheese and rosemary.

What does it takes to be a master pizzaiolo?

For me, a "master" is a pizzamaker who works for almost 30 years and who has successful restaurants and universally recognized skills. When I travel to teach the art of making pizza or do consulting, I don't like to be called "master" because I consider it to be disrespectful to my old masters — people who, at 70 years old, still make hundreds of pizzas a day. "Master" is something you can't claim; it's a word that other people use to refer to someone. I've made pizza since I was 13 — now I'm 41 — but on my business card, I will never claim to be a "master pizzaiolo."

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Hot chef

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This three-day music/film extravaganza curated by Bryce and Aaron Dessner of the National showcases the talents of more than 30 Brooklyn performers and filmmakers, including the Walkmen, St. Vincent, Beirut, Sharon Van Etten, Caveman, Twin Shadow, and many more, while commissioned short films with original scores (some with live music) screen in the cinema. **MB**

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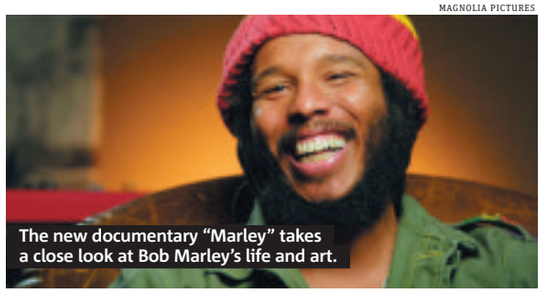

The new documentary "Marley" takes a close look at Bob Marley's life and art.

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Mi Yuming: Between Reality and Virtuality
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Artgate Gallery
520 W. 27th St., Suite 10, free
Mi Yuming's work blends photography and technology in a way that fully represents the hyperconnectedness of society. Harshly beautiful, her images simultaneously assault and caress the senses like a cyber-rave fairy tale. **RUSS MARSHALEK**

MUSIC

Light Asylum with oOoOO and Black Marble
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Light Asylum's self-titled album is one of the finest, darkest, strongest pieces of music that will be released this year. It's heavy, forceful, and emotional, in no small part due to the massive vocal strengths of frontwoman Shannon Funchess. The band celebrates its long-awaited album release, supported by the equally talented oOoOO. **RM**

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▶ More pressure than ever will rest on the shoulders of Carmelo Anthony with his fellow scoring threat Amar'e Stoudemire gone.

With or without you

Knicks prepare for Game 3 with Stoudemire definitely out Forward says he wants to return for Game 4 Woodson not worried about injuries

Amar'e Stoudemire is definitely out for Game 3, while his Knicks teammates are on the verge of being knocked out for good if they can't rally without their star power forward.

Stoudemire, who is also doubtful for Game 4, had a minor surgical procedure on a muscle in his left hand following a post-Game 2 incident in which he slammed his hand into a fire extinguisher, inadvertently cutting through the glass encasing.

More Novak?

With both Stoudemire and Iman Shumpert out, Steve Novak will likely be counted on for more playing time.

"I think whatever coach asks me to do, whether it's start or come off the bench, is fine," **Novak said**. "Obviously, I've come off the bench all year, but I'll do whatever."

"It's disappointing to my teammates and I didn't want to let them down. I wasn't expecting this much of a blow, but unfortunately it is," Stoudemire said. "I just walked by the fire extinguisher and just happened to hit it. The door is like 85 percent metal and like two percent glass. I wasn't trying to hit the glass."

If he was boiling inside, interim head coach Mike Woodson hid it well.

"He brings that defensive presence that we need to start a ball game," Woodson said of Stoudemire's absence. "But I feel good about our team still."

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Ex-Jet Vilma suspended

Former Jets and current Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma was suspended for an entire season for his role in the team's bounty scandal.

Vilma received the stiffest penalty of any player. Anthony Hargrove, now in Green Bay, received eight games, Will Smith received four games and Scott Fujita, currently on the Browns, received three games.

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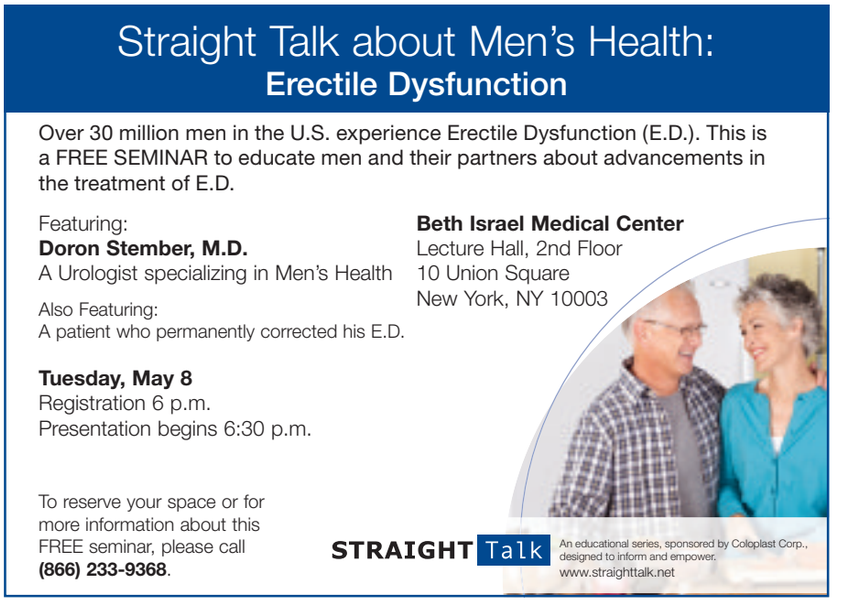
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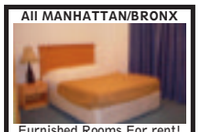

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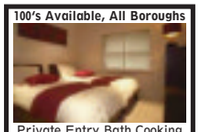

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